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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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For: GAMING MACHINE

Examiner: D. R. Collins

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated February 24, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 20050111), Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be reconsidered in view of the remarks which follow, that each of the presently pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

REMARKS

This communication is a full and timely response to the non-final Office Action dated February 24, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 20050111). Claims 1-3 are pending where claim 1 is independent.

Objections to Specification

The specification was objected to for alleged informalities. Namely, the Office Action alleges that the disclosure refers to attorney docket numbers of co-pending applications as opposed to the corresponding application numbers. Applicant respectfully submits, however, that a Preliminary Amendment filed on June 23, 2004 amended the specification by canceling the subject matter identifying the co-pending applications by attorney docket numbers. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.